

Calling All Small Businesses in AGRICULTURE!

The Department of Agriculture (USDA) is in need of your help! We are looking for <u>ALL</u> Small Businesses to increase to provide them an opportunity to grow their enterprises, utilizing Federal contracting opportunities. The USDA, Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS), Fruit and Vegetable (FV) Programs, Commodity Procurement Branch (CPB) is committed to providing contracting opportunities to a variety of small business concerns. Annually, the CPB has a goal to increase the number of opportunities for all small businesses, but especially for: Small Disadvantaged Businesses, Women-Owned Small Businesses, Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Businesses, HubZone Small Businesses and 8(a) firms. As such, we are always interested in expanding our vendor base.

FV purchases fruits, vegetables, nuts and specialty crops for distribution to the National School Lunch Program and other domestic nutrition assistance programs. FV procures these products year-round in institutional and household sized packaging.

FV awards contracts to large and small growers, processors, packers and brokers (suppliers) across the country all year long. Come join our approved vendor list and get onboard! For more information, please contact our Small Business Coordinator, Dianna Blackwell at (202) 720-8825 or e-mail dianna.blackwell@usda.gov.